

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

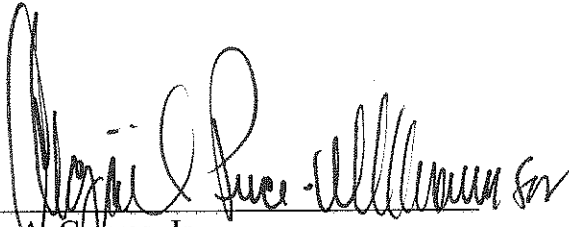
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 17, 2015

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to provide local
governments, including
Miami-Dade County, with
their "fair share" back in
revenue

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☒ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
PROVIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY, WITH THEIR "FAIR SHARE" BACK IN
REVENUE**

WHEREAS, it has long been the public perception that the residents of South Florida, including Miami-Dade County (the "County"), pay more in taxes to the State of Florida than they get back in state programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a 2008 study by the Miami Herald confirmed this perception and concluded that the people of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent over \$7.15 billion in tax revenues to Tallahassee annually, but only received \$6.69 billion back, resulting in a difference of \$460 million, which equals \$144 for every adult residing in these two counties; and

WHEREAS, state funding can never be an exact science, but the Florida Legislature should strive as much as possible to distribute funding to local governments fairly in proportion to where revenue is generated, so as to provide each area with its fair share of state funding; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of equity and fairness to the County's residents whose local tax dollars are being utilized in Tallahassee, the County should receive its fair share back when local projects, events, and tax revenues bestow a significant fiscal benefit upon the State of Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to provide local governments, including Miami-Dade County, with their fair share back in revenue.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 state legislative package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of March, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

James Eddie Kirtley

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for

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